

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 6449957, 12510 15TH AVE NE

Assessment Completed: 12/16/2014

Project Description: 36 unit Town home and Live/work unit development with 35 parking spaces provided

Primary Applicant: [S. Michael Hoffman](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

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DPD Land Use Requirements

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Seattle City Light Requirements

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Seattle Department of Transportation Requirements

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Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.

- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: 15th Ave NE
 Sanitary sewer main size: 8-inch
 Storm drainage main location: 15th Ave NE
 Storm drainage main size: 15-inch

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Public storm drain system.

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. A completed [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#) is required.

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure (bioretention cells, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.020.F. and [Director's Rule 15-2012](#).

Flow control standards must be first met by utilizing green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible. Additional flow control measures shall be installed if the flow control standard cannot be met solely using green stormwater infrastructure. Refer to [DR 17-2009](#). Submit a [Green Stormwater Requirement Calculator](#) along with additional flow control documentation.

For more information see: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/stormwater/default.htm>

This project site discharges to a Non-listed Creek Basin (SMC 805.050.A.3) and shall provide flow control meeting the Pre-developed Pasture Standard per [SMC 22.805.080.B.3](#).

Projects with less than 10,000 sf new plus replaced impervious surface can use the [Pre-Sized Flow Control Calculator](#) in lieu of continuous modeling.

Water Quality

No requirements

Wastewater

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#).

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following:
 Public storm drain system.

Side Sewer

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240.

In order to reuse an existing side sewer, the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria

(<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

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Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Existing curbcuts that will no longer be used are required to be removed, and the curblin installed, per SDOT standards.

Any planting proposed within the ROW must be reviewed and approved by DPD and SDOT.

Land Use

Based on the project scope. SEPA may be required. See DPD Director's Rule 12-2012 for more details (<http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/dirrrulesviewer/>).

Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

Other Requirements: Site is located within the Northgate Overlay District per SMC 23.71.

Other Requirements

A presubmittal conference is required before to submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site

([http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building Permits/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permits/default.asp)).

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground high voltage lines and electrical facilities along 15th Ave NE.

Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building, below-grade vaults, or above-grade pads exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

Easements

SCL power easement may be required. Property survey may be required at project's expense.

Other requirements: The project is considered one site. The electrical service to the new buildings will need to be consolidated from one service strike from SCL's distribution system. Per SCL Requirements for Electric Service Connection, <http://www.seattle.gov/light/contractors/resc/>, Chapter 5, page 28: "Single Service Rule", Seattle City Light will provide only one service to a site or building. Additional services will be supplied only at SCL's option and will be agreed to in writing. Please contact your Electrical Service Representative well in advance of construction for clarification and electrical service advice.

Conservation

Built Smart Programs - SCL offers developers of 5+ unit multifamily buildings incentives for installation of energy efficiency measures. From insulation and windows to lighting and appliances, take advantage of new technologies and construct a more efficient building with our help. For more information: contact Beth Rocha at (206)684-5945 or beth.rocha@seattle.gov.

Notes to Applicant

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The

Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Dave Kylen, 206-615-0607, david.kylen@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 2: Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT concurrently with building permit.

Street Improvement Requirements

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Tree protection: Removal of trees in the public right-of-way (ROW) is prohibited. Projects must be designed to accommodate existing trees in the ROW. Exceptions to this policy require review and approval by SDOT Urban Forestry. For residential projects, call (206) 684-TREE; for all other projects, call (206) 684-5693. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry immediately if you are proposing to remove street trees. If an exception from street tree removal is not granted, the project will need to be redesigned to preserve street trees.

Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement.

Other requirements: If new and/or replaced impervious surface in the right-of-way exceeds 2,000 sf a street improvement permit is required. If the bus stop is to be relocated contact King County Metro.

SPU Requirements

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new and replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

All trail and sidewalk projects shall implement green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.030. Refer to DR SF-MEF and CAM 501. Table 4.6

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).